

REMARKS

The Election / Restriction Requirement dated February 20, 2008 required election from among the following species:

- (1) an image coder apparatus by limiting frequency components for reference image data for use in the interceding mode as described in the specification "First Embodiment" at page 12, figure 3 and defined by Claims 1-6, 18 and 21;
- (2) an image coder apparatus by limiting frequency components for image data obtained by performing local decoding on the image data by said first coding means as described in the specification "Second Embodiment" at page 33, figure 15 and defined by Claims 7-12, 19 and 22; or
- (3) an image decoder apparatus, defined by claims 13-17, 20 and 23.

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects, Species II, namely Claims 7-12, 19 and 22 as reflected in the Listing of Claims submitted herewith.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims pending in the application meet the requirements for patentability and respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate the allowance of such claims.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner may contact
Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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